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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time, a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and a requisite fee being enclosed.

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In response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect Group I identified by the Examiner—covered by claims 1-6 and 10-13—for prosecution, and respectfully traverse the Examiner's restriction requirement.

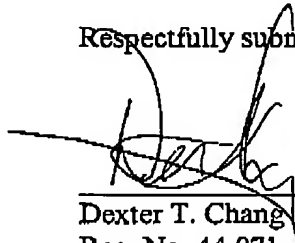
Applicants respectfully submit that the claims in the two Groups identified by the Examiner are directed to the single general inventive concept of reducing a radio frequency interference (RFI) into a superconducting quantum interference device (SQUID) through a gradiometer. Applicants refer to lines 3-4 of claim 1 and lines 5-6 of claim 7 for respective recitations of this general inventive concept.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the restriction requirement.

Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing and/or divisional application directed to any of the non-elected claims. Early examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Any fee due with this paper, not fully covered by an enclosed check, may be charged on Deposit Account 50-1290.

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